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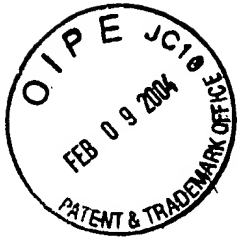
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:
PAUL KURTH**

SERIAL NO. : 09/708,150

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**FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR INSERTION OF ELONGATE
INSTRUMENTS WITHIN A BODY
CAVITY**

Examiner: C. Serke

Group Art Unit: 3763

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed Jan. 14, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Claims 1 – 82 were original in the application. Claims 83 – 92 were added by preliminary amendment. Claims 1, 7, 13 – 28, 33 – 36, 42 – 52, 54, 57, 61 – 69, 76 – 89 and 92 were withdrawn from consideration by restriction and are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 4 – 6, 8 – 12, 29 – 32, 37 – 41, 53, 55, 56, 58 – 60, 70 – 73, 75, 90 and 91 have been allowed. Claim 74 is cancelled.